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TELEGRAMS.

THE REVOLUTION.

THRONE'S DECISION.

PREPARING FOR AB- DICATION.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Feb. 1, 1.55 a.m.

The Wai Wu-pu announces that the Throne has decided in favour of peace and has instructed the Cabinet to prepare for abdication.

SOLDIERS BOMBED.

Imperialist soldiers on the Peking-Hankow railway have been killed by bombs.

PEACE DECIDED UPON.

Bombay, Feb. 1, 7.15 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Peking says that the Empress Dowager has informed the Cabinet that peace has been decided upon. She has instructed her Ministers to prepare accordingly.—Reuter.

TERMS OF ABDICATION.

London, Jan. 31, 1.30 p.m.

The ex-Regent and Prince Ning had an audience with the Dowager Empress yesterday. It is understood that abdication has been decided upon in accordance with the conditions laid down by the Republicans. Imperial personages and nobles are to retain their titles and may reside in Peking or elsewhere as they please. The Imperial Family will receive three million taels annually.

TROOPS BOMBED.

Liang Pi, the general whose life was attempted the other day, is dead. It is stated that many soldiers have been killed in bomb explosions in the Imperialist troop trains between Siao-kam and Henna.

THE ARMISTICE.

Shanghai, Jan. 31.

Yuan Shih-kai has wired to the Republican Government asking for a further extension of the Armistice for two weeks. The Republicans have not yet given him a reply.

REFUTING A RUMOUR.

Yuan Shih-kai has telegraphed to the various Generals and Commanders of the Imperial Army denying the report of his having secretly communicated with Dr. Wu Ting-fang regarding the abdication of the Throne.

THE PEKING EXPEDITION.

Vice President Li Yuan-heng has despatched deputies to confer with General Tuan Ki-sui who went over to the Republicans, about the joint march on Peking.—"Shen Po."

A PRIZE COURT.

The Republican Government has expressed its intention to establish a Prize Court of War in Shanghai with Wen Tsung-yao as President and Ting Yung and Chou Chai as his assistants.

VICTIM OF BOMB.

It is reported that the ex-commander of the Imperial body guards, who was seriously injured by a recent bomb outrage, is dying.—"Shen Po."

TELEGRAMS.

STRIKE IN PORTUGAL.

AFFRAY AT COIMBRA.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Feb. 1, 7.15 a.m.

Evora is quiet, but there has been an affray at Coimbra, the police dispersing the strikers with their sabres.

At Lisbon a ring of troops are arresting every one within the prohibited area. Several strikers have surrendered to the soldiers who are surrounding the Trades Union Building. The strikers will be taken in batches aboard warships.

Those arrested include some suspected bombers.

STRIKE BROKEN DOWN.

Bombay, Feb. 1, 7.10 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon says that the Cabinet is sitting. The Ministry of War has telegraphed to the Provincial Governors that the strike has broken down owing to the railwaymen refusing to join.

EX-MINISTER ARRESTED.

The ex-Foreign Minister, Castello Branco, has been arrested. He is charged with endeavouring to overthrow the republic. Altogether a thousand arrests have been made and the city is becoming more normal. Papers are republishing and Parliament resumes to-morrow.

MARTIAL LAW.

London, Jan. 31, 1.30 p.m.

Reuter's Lisbon correspondent wires that martial law has been established. The troops have been ordered to make a clean sweep of the streets, and to make arrests en masse. One hundred and fifteen persons were arrested yesterday evening and sent on board warships.

BOMBS THROWN.

A message from Reuter's correspondent at Lisbon states that the declaration of martial law was decided upon by the Government as the result of a bomb being thrown at the cavalry Republican guard in the streets of Lisbon. Reinforcements are being brought into the capital, while detachments of troops are being sent to Alde Gallega, Molta, Setúbal and towns in the vicinity. The Administrator of Molta has been cut to pieces by a mob, who were armed with axes.

OBITUARY.

FLORENCE ST. JOHN.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 4.10 a.m.

The death is announced of Florence St. John, the actress.—Reuter.

TOLSTOI'S WIDOW.

PENSION GRANTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 2.25 a.m.

A message from St. Petersburg states that the Tsar has granted a pension of twenty thousand roubles a year to Tolstoy's widow.—Reuter.

TELEGRAMS.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Jan. 1, 7.10 a.m.

At the request of the State Department of the American Senate the Committee has modified the Dillingham Bill for revising and codifying immigration laws, so as not to offend Japan. The modification consists of the words "unless otherwise provided by treaty," after the proviso excluding persons "ineligible to become citizens by naturalisation."

Japan argued that Japanese immigration was already restricted by treaty and that it was humiliating for Japanese to be declared inadmissible.—Reuter.

HOME RULE.

CHURCHILL'S PLANS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 2.25 a.m.

After the meeting in Belfast, Mr. Winston Churchill proceeds the same evening to Scotland to carry out various naval inspections.

UNIONIST DEMONSTRATION.

London, Jan. 31, 4.10 a.m.

It is stated that a Unionist demonstration has been arranged to take place on the agricultural ground at Redfast simultaneously with Mr. Churchill's meeting.—Reuter.

KING'S HOMECOMING.

OVATION AT GIBRALTAR.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 2.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Gibraltar says that their Majesties have landed there, and were ovated by the crowd. The King replied to an address from the Chamber of Commerce, the Catholics and Hebrews, referring to his former associations with Gibraltar. The interests of the subjects of that small but famous colony were no less dear, said his Majesty, than those of populous countries, from whence they were returning.

A KINGLY WISH.

London, Jan. 31, 1.30 p.m.

By the King's wish there is to be no alteration of the arrangements for the reception of their Majesties at Portsmouth and London, or in the service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

TELEGRAMS.

SUGAR COMMISSION.

CONCESSION TO RUSSIA.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 1.5 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Brussels states that the sugar commission has reassembled. The Germans opposed the granting of sugar concessions to Russia, but the majority of the delegates favoured them in the belief that it would result in a fall in prices. A compromise on the Convention as it now stands has been effected.

THE COMPROMISE.

It is provided that existing arrangements shall be prolonged for five years. Russia is to be allowed a certain increase on her quota whenever exceptional circumstances occur as in 1911. The Commission adjourned till Friday to enable the Russian and German delegates to communicate with their Governments.—Reuter.

SPY SCARE.

LONDONER CHARGED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 2.25 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Leipzig states that the trial begins to-day, on a charge of espionage, of the London solicitor and Yeomanry officer, Bertrand Stewart, who was arrested at Bremen on August 8 last. The trial has been delayed owing to the rush of espionage prosecutions. The trial will probably be secret, but the German newspapers are already publishing imaginary details of the alleged acts of the "gentleman spy," whom they represent to be the head of a great conspiracy to sell naval secrets to Great Britain.

PLUCKY PRISONER.

London, Jan. 31, 6.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Leipzig says that Stewart was alert and self-possessed and answered frankly and unhesitatingly a prolonged and singular interrogation as to his means, relationships and capacities.

COOL REPLIES.

He said that he had an income of £2,000 a year and a private fortune of £12,000. He admitted that he knew the difference between a cruiser and a merchantman but said that he knew nothing of naval affairs.

READY TO FIGHT.

When the Judge said that every German child knew that merchantmen were attacked to the Navy Stewart congratulated the Germans upon educating better than did Britain. He expressed a strong desire to fight against the Judge's distinguished country if she attacked England.

STEWART'S APPEAL.

The remainder of the proceedings were held in camera despite Stewart's urgent appeal for publicity in view of the falsehoods of the press.

TELEGRAMS.

TURKEY IN EUROPE.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 1.5 p.m.

Affairs in Strumitz and Uskub are characteristic of the present condition of Macedonia where the situation is growing serious.

CHURCHES RECONCILED.

A remarkable feature of the situation is the reconciliation of the Bulgarian and Greek Churches, hitherto at feud, to face the Turkish repression.

BOMBS EXPLODED.

London, Jan. 31, 4.50 p.m.

Two bombs have been exploded at Monastir, but small damage has been done.

TURKISH OUTRAGE.

London, Jan. 31, 12.25 p.m.

A Turkish band has attacked a Bulgarian Monastery in the Uskub district. Nine of the inmates were led to the Church where they were decapitated, after which the band desecrated the Church and plundered the Monastery.—Reuter.

"A PAGE FROM DUMAS."

Escape of Captain Lux.

A Paris telegram referring to the escape of Captain Lux, a French officer, from the German fortress of Glatz, says that the story reads like a page from Dumas, and continues:—Thanks to ingenious stratagems devised by brother officers at home in France—it is declared—that he owes nothing to the complicity either of Germans or of a British fellow-prisoner—Captain Trenoh. Captain Lux found steel files and German gold pieces concealed in his weekly budget of correspondence and in the binding of voluminous books on historical and kindred subjects—among them M. Frederic Masson's great works on Napoleon—the study of which was his chief recreation. The stout string with which these parcels were fastened was stored up until enough had been accumulated to serve a useful purpose. Code messages smuggled into his private letters advised him of the night upon which a motor-car would be in waiting to convey him across the frontier into Austria. While the vigilance of his jailers, whose numbers appear to have been reduced by Christmas leave, was relaxed, the prisoner broke through two doors, filed the iron bars of a window, through which by an improvised rope ladder into an inner courtyard made his way over a wall into an outer courtyard and finally under the very nose of a sentinel over railings into the open country, where the motor-car was waiting. The railway journey through Austria, Italy, and Switzerland, was uneventful.

Captain Lux's friends supply the Press with most of these particulars. He himself is bound to silence, but he emphatically repudiates the German imputation that he ought to have considered himself on parole. He was not as a matter of fact on parole, but was ordinarily guarded with the utmost vigilance. The popular enthusiasm for Captain Lux and his daring feat is increased by the fact that he is a native of Alsace.

TELEGRAMS.

LATE DUKE OF FIFE.

CANADA'S SYMPATHY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 1.30 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Ottawa states that in the Commons Mr. Borden and Sir Wilfred Laurier made sympathetic references to the death of the Duke of Fife. Sir Wilfred Laurier said that the mourning of the beloved Royal Family was the mourning of the whole Empire.

LANDING CONTRABAND.

FRANCE IN TUNIS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 2.25 a.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent wires that a torpedo boat flotilla is leaving Bizerta for exercises on the southern coast of Tunis, and it is hoped that this will check attempts to land contraband.

POET AND REPORTERS.

A New York message dated Dec. 30 says:—Mme. Masterlinok, who arrived last evening by the Olympic to appear in her husband's drama, "Pelless of Meliande," which is to be played at Boston on January 10, was questioned by the reporters about her husband, but she refused to reveal his plans. It was recently announced that M. Masterlinok had wagered \$100 that he would visit America without the knowledge of reporters and would witness his wife's performance inognito. "I believe he will do what he has said," Mme. Masterlinok responded to queries on this point. "But I really do not know how he will attempt to evade you interviewers. There is one thing certain—he will not come without his bulldog Geland. That is all I can say." The reporters searched the Olympic from bridge to stern, but did not discover any one resembling M. Masterlinok, or his dog. Instructions have been telegraphed to reporters at all ports to watch for M. Masterlinok, and it is now a trial of detective skill between himself and the ubiquitous American interviewers.

"DIAMOND DICK DEAD."

Another of the heroes of the "Penny Dreadful" has just died at Kansas City in the person of Mr. George B. McClelland, known through the "Wild West" as "Diamond Dick." Mr. McClelland, who was 60, died from injuries received in being run down by a train. "Diamond Dick" was one of that hardy band of western pioneers who rode "pony express," and conveyed stage coaches on the days when a man kept his scalp solely by his prowess with rifle and knife and the speed of his horse. With "Deadwood Dick," "Buffalo Bill," "Wild Jack," and "Texas Jack," he toured the world some years ago in a "Wild West" show, and while of a more retiring nature than some of his comrades he has frequently admitted that hair-raising as were some of his "adventures" in the "Penny Dreadfuls" they are not very far from the truth. Mr. McClelland earned his nickname of "Diamond Dick" because of the large number of diamonds he wore, and he made it a boast that no "hold up" man had ever relieved him of any of the jewels. He was one of the finest shots with a rifle ever seen in the West.

TELEGRAMS.

BADEN POWELL.

NEW YORK'S WELCOME.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Jan. 31, 6.30 p.m.

Reuter's New York correspondent says that Baden Powell has arrived there. He had a great welcome from the Boy Scouts.—Reuter.

CANTON NEWS.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Canton, Jan. 31.

Some days ago, a commander of the revolutionists intended to make use of the forts at Boco Tigris for housing the men under his command. However, the troops who had originally stayed behind to guard the forts refused to let them in. A quarrel ensued which resulted in a serious encounter during which shots were freely fired. The wounded were numerous and the casualties on both sides amounted to nine men.

On the receipt of a telegram from President Sun Yat-sen, Chan Kwang-ming, the Governor General, consented to retain his post. He, however, changed his mind two days ago when he summoned the President of the Canton Provisional Council to his residence and explained that his former intention of remaining in Canton was based on the ground that there was some hope of the peace negotiations. Now that hostilities have been resumed, he has decided to lead his troops in the march upon Peking. It is the intention of some of the members to telegraph to Wong Ching-wai asking him to return to Canton as Governor General. Others are thinking of telegraphing to President Sun Yat-sen asking him to make another appointment.

On the 20th inst, a meeting of members of the Canton Provisional Council was held, when a motion was put forward by one of the members for the early destruction of temples, monasteries and other places of worship as a means of putting an end to superstition. In the opinion of the mover superstition would tend to retard the general progress of the country. The motion was, however, rejected on the ground that the new government was in its infancy and the time was not ripe for the adoption of this measure. Besides its adoption would probably lead to riot and disorder by the ignorant people. They contended that progressive nations like Italy and Japan, still permit orthodox and temples to remain in their countries; therefore it would be unwise for Canton to do anything so drastic at present.

The Canton Governor General is in receipt of a telegram from Lau Han-shi, the chief adviser of the combined forces in the march upon Peking, to the effect that although the Republicans were rewarded with success in a battle with General Chang Hsun at Hsuehchow, that the strength of the Imperial army in the north was certainly not weakened by this defeat and it would not be a matter of a few days to drive the Manchus out of Peking. The Republican troops were now short of arms and ammunition to carry on the operations and unless the deficiency was met with by the united provinces, the chance of capturing Peking was remote.

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Korea.....	18,000	"	"	Apr. 2	"
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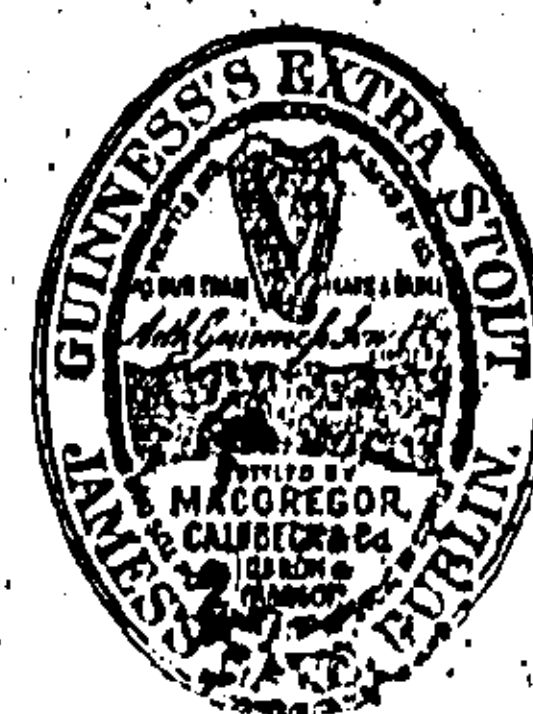
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WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

The British Army.
We think it rather a pity that Mr. Bonar Law, the newly chosen leader of the Unionist party, should have thought it necessary to open his campaign against the Asquith administration with a violent attack upon the present equipment and condition of the British Army. It is merely a matter of political tactics we know and no reflection is intended on personnel—hence all the more pity. But in the attempt to score a point off an opponent, however Mr. Bonar Law does really inflict a large amount of harm, while at the same time serving no useful purpose. The British Army being, when all is said and done, the servant of the Domboracy, though strictly only under oath bound allegiance to the King, must expect to receive a certain amount of criticism, and on the whole it is quite prepared for this as part of the disagreeables connected with its job. But we think most people will agree that the amount of criticism to which it has been subjected since the close of the Boer War has been most excessive in quantity and on the whole remarkably futile in quality.

Daily Press.

Trade with the East.

One frequently hears the most pessimistic prognostications regarding the future of foreign trade as the Eastern races develop, these reflections being usually associated with a condemnation of all efforts made by Europeans to teach the Asiatic Western science. This is often represented as "teaching the Asiatic to oust the foreigner from the East," Japan is pointed to as the "awful example." In the last quarter of a century Japan has made marvellous progress in many important branches of industry and has moreover provided herself with a mercantile fleet superior to that possessed by the majority of the European Powers. She has benefited immensely by foreign instruction. But what has been the effect of all this on the foreign trade of the country? If we turn to the official statistics of the country's foreign trade it will be seen that this trade has increased nearly ten-fold in the last quarter of a century.

South China Morning Post.

What India Wants.

It is necessary, too, that the lie should once and for all be given to the widely prevailing notion that Great Britain projects a withdrawal from India. "In conversation it can be detected as lurking at the back of the mind of all educated Indians. It is a fallacy which should be eradicated. The feeling of uncertainty which it engenders is the root cause of the unrest in India." The article, it is important to observe, was written prior to the Durbar, and it is probable the historic pronouncement of the King-Emperor, containing as it did the intimation of sweeping changes in the Government of India will, to some extent, have met the writer's demands. Certainly a wave of genuine loyalty has passed over the Empire which cannot but be fruitful of good results, and we hope and believe that the days of serious disaffection in India are past.

Truth was stronger than Cupid at Clayton, the St. Louis County Gretna Green, on Nov. 27. Miss Ida Lorenz and John E. Osborn, both of O'Fallon, Ill., went there to get a marriage license. Both seemed to be of legal age, and Deputy Recorder Ahlers filled out the papers. "Now as a matter of form you will have to swear to your ages," said he. The young woman seemed embarrassed. "I can't swear that I'm eighteen though I believe I am," she said. "My parents died when I was a baby and I have no birth certificate." Though Osborn pleaded with her, Miss Lorenz could not be induced even to swear that she was of legal age. The and Osborn departed without a license.

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FREE SPEECH.

So Mr. Churchill is to hold his Home Rule meeting in Belfast after all. In a huge marquee, erected on a football field in the heart of the Nationalist quarter, he will address five thousand ardent Home Rulers on February 8. And on February 9 it will matter next to nothing that he has spoken. He will address men already convinced of the need for Home Rule, ready to accept his words as charged with Heaven-sent wisdom, with perhaps here or there a daring Unionist who will attend mainly in the hope of jerking in a few interruptions. Mr. Churchill's speech may run to over an hour, but it will convert no one. It is impossible to convert Orangemen into Nationalists or Nationalists into Orangemen by means of a single speech.

It is this reflection which makes all the recent potter—the talk of fighting on one side, the cries for the arrest of Lord Londonderry on the other—so amusing to those of us who view the trouble from afar. As time mellowed trouble so that obstacles which seemed unsurmountable a year ago are now smiled at, so distance lends a truer perspective. Away from the cries and the clamour, party politics seem, when carried to this pitch, merely amusing and a little ridiculous. Pityful, too, for it is saddening to see men, supposedly cultured leaders, behaving in this furiously stupid fashion. Britain's strength was not built up by wild vapourings and her credit in the eyes of the world is not enhanced by recent exchanges of puerile threats.

After all, why should not Mr. Churchill speak in Belfast on Home Rule or any other subject? We are not enamoured of the man ourselves, and still less of his political opinions at times, so that we can be frank without being misunderstood. Why should Lord Londonderry and Sir Edward Carson seek to muzzle him? There are two sides to every question and it is always possible that the other disputant may be in the right of it. We do not think he is, in this case, but it is well to face the fact that he may be. In any event, the truth on any matter can be reached only by hearing both sides of the case; and the anti-Home Rule cause is strong enough to win through without threatening to prevent the opposite side from speaking, by force of arms if necessary.

The net result of all the wild talk is that some Unionists have made themselves ridiculous, by shouting of the use of force, and some Liberals have made themselves quite as foolish by screaming for certain Unionists to be arrested. The meeting will be held on February 8, and no one will be much the better or much the worse for it. Mr. Churchill has had another fine advertisement, so that he alone has gained something. That is the outcome of all the sound and fury. If Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Churchill could be removed ten thousand miles from the scene of the little trouble they would want to know what it was all about anyway and whether a tenth of it was justified. Ulster ready to fight and breathing fire and slaughter; the Liberals screaming for Lord Londonderry's head on a charger—because Mr. Winston Churchill proposes to make a speech! How the high gods must chuckle over the foolishness of some of the great humans who control, or believe they control, the destinies of the British Empire.

DAY BY DAY.

It is a fortunate wife who can deal with her husband honestly instead of diplomatically.

To-day's Paper.

An interesting announcement in connection with an extension of the scope of the Photographic Competition appears on page 8, where also will be found sporting news. On page 3 appear News of the World and some interesting evidence in connection with the unruly conduct of coolie immigrants at Singapore.

A man named Leung Cheung was remanded at the Magistracy, this morning, on a charge of snatching in Des Voeux Road Central.

A man named U Tong was charged at the Magistracy, this morning, with kidnapping a girl on the 30th ult. The case was adjourned.

Several more bodies have been found by the police. In one case death was due to small-pox, this particular corpse being taken from the harbour.

A man charged with stealing sheets from the Pacific Mail Office, was bound over to appear at the Magistracy this morning on bail of \$250, but did not appear.

Six weeks' imprisonment and twenty-four strokes of the birch was the sentence passed on a man at the Magistracy, this morning, for snatching a felt hat in Queen's Road Central.

At the Magistracy, this morning, a man was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour and twelve strokes of the birch, for snatching a purse containing \$2.50, from a man in Queen's Road Central.

The N.D.L.

For the next four months the Imperial German Mail Steamers homeward bound, beginning with s.s. Goeben which leaves here on February 6, will call at Manila once a month, and will therefore leave here on Tuesdays at noon instead of on Wednesdays.

COLLISION IN THE WEST RIVER.

Torpedo boat injured.

Meagre information has reached Hongkong as to a collision in the West River in which H.M. Torpedo boat No. 35 was concerned. In the collision the torpedo boat which was on patrol duty in the river had a hole knocked in her. One report had it that the bows had been stove in, but we were unable to obtain any official confirmation thereof. We learn, however, that H.M.S. Moorhous has left Canton to go to the aid of the injured vessel, and as soon as temporary repairs have been carried out, the boat will be brought to Hongkong and docked.

KULANGSU (AMOI) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

The following are the Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Board Room, on January, 16th, 1912:—

Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), J. S. Fenwick, W. B. M'D. Parr, W. Wilson and the Secretary, Mr. C. Berkeley Mitchell.

1. The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed.
2. A letter is read from Miss Kranenburg resigning her appointment of Visiting Nurse. Her resignation, to date from March 31, 1912, is accepted with regret.

3. A letter is read from the Senior Consul informing the Council that Tuesday, the 23rd inst., will be a convenient date to the Consular Body, on which to hold the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers; and that as the provisional Government now existing at Amoy not being recognized by the Foreign Powers, he is unable to comply with the Council's request to notify the Chinese officials with a view to a Chinese gentleman of good standing being deputed to attend the meeting in accordance with Land Regulation 2. However he will communicate with the Council later on after consulting with his colleagues.

ST. STEPHEN'S PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Bishop Bannister's Advice.

This morning the annual prize distribution in connection with the St. Stephen's College was held in the Lai Kwai Pui Hall when the fortunate scholars received their awards at the hands of Bishop Bannister. There were present His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria, and Messrs. G. A. Hancock, the headmaster, and Warden, and Mr. A. H. Harris Comm' of Customs, besides many parents of the scholars.

The headmaster read the following report of the year's work.

The past year has in many ways been a quiet yet very useful one. The sudden break-down of the Warden's health necessitated his departure for England very early in the year; the students were not slow to take advantage of the opportunity to show the great esteem with which he is regarded and how his work here has been appreciated; according to last advice we may expect the Warden's return during the present year.

The annual examinations that have just been finished have shown that good work has been done, more especially among the junior classes. The middle and upper school have made progress which is, on the whole, satisfactory, special improvement is noticeable among the lower school; a beginning has been made with a scheme of more rapid promotion, and each case has been quite justified by results—in connection with this, there is one matter I need to point out—a minimum of 66 per cent. entitles a student to promotion, 50 per cent. is not sufficient to procure a remove, unless there are any special reasons for the lower percentage. The duces of the various forms are:—

VI form, Lo Kwan Lu, V form, Poon Yan Chi, IV form, Leung Po Tsun, III form, Yip Lius, II form, Ho Ka Yuk and I form, Hung Hin King.

In the VI class, the competition has been far keener than usual, as 5 students who have already passed the Senior Oxford, have elected to remain under instruction for a further period of 6 months.

The V Form has been very large—and the increase in the number of the staff has made it possible to subdivide the class in the mathematics and English; this has, of course, made for more satisfactory progress in those subjects.

The boarding accommodation has been almost fully utilised, our highest numbers being 33. Political disturbances in the Chinese Empire have had rather a curious effect on those numbers, as several of the boarders became day students, owing to their parents' coming to live in Hongkong.

We here are naturally in cordial sympathy with the aspiration for the improvement of conditions in China, and shall be glad indeed to know our educational course here will fit many students to take a directive part in the rebuilding of the nation.

Our Oxford results were quite up to last year's standard although we have not attained to the high water mark of 1901. In the Senior all the nine recommended candidates passed, obtaining 3 distinctions and 4 exemptions from re-sponsions; four were successful in the junior and 10 in the preliminary. This will probably beat last year under the Oxford regulations, as the conditions of our own University will soon obtain.

Of the 2 Wei On Scholars for this year, is Tang Ying Lam, who gained the top position among St. Stephen's candidates in the Oxford Local; for the commemorative section of this scholarship there has been remarkably close competition, Chan Lu Cho obtaining a very narrow margin over Mok Hin Kin.

Mr. A. H. Harris has been kind enough to present a special prize for commercial work in the next form—the V-Poon. Yan Chi is the winner of this prize; his papers being decidedly good.

The staff has been decreased by the departure last July of Mr. Manderson, who is now continuing his studies at Oxford, on the other hand, we have been materially strengthened by the arrival of Mr. Barney, who is a gold medalist of Trinity College, Dublin. Mr. Barney has special charge of the IV form, as of most of the Science

work of the school; we were also very glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull last September; Mr. Turnbull whose high mathematical distinctions are well known amongst the parents, has taken a great deal of work in the upper forms and he has also been in charge of form V.

It is also a pleasure to refer to another material improvement which has been arranged for the coming year, Mr. Fung has decided to come into residence so the boarders will have the benefit of a fully qualified Chinese master living in-school.

Further changes have occurred in the Junior forms, as Mr. Ho Shin Fan has left us, after three years' continuous work here; we were very fortunate to obtain the assistance of the Revs. J. L. Bacon and P. Stevens M.A., both of whom have helped in no small degree in the Junior forms.

We confidently expect that the school will be enabled to maintain its high traditions.

I would like, sir, to emphasise the closing words of the report just read, the use of the playground has been practically continuous, and it may easily be seen that even the very earnest students are taking advantage of this branch of education; we might instance the fact that the football captain, Mok Hin Kin, was one of the runners up for the Wei On Scholarship.

We have again received subscriptions to the Prize Fund, and I would like to convey the thanks of the College Council to the following gentlemen who have so kindly helped us in this matter: The Bishop of Victoria, Mr. A. H. Harris, Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Messrs. Lai Kwai Tai, Chau Siu Ki, Kowk Siu Lau, Ng Pak To, Yung Yick Ting, Chiu Yu Tin, Lo Cho Shun, Leung Mang Ting, Tang Tai Chuen, Wong Far Nung, Kwok Yik Ting, Chan Chik Yau, On Lai Chuen, S. W. Tai, Chan Cheuk Fan, Chiu Cheung Sang, Chan Kuan Wing, Leung Yen Po, Leung Hin Cho, Lo Lai Chuen, Yung Tsao Pong, Mrs. Ng Mok Shi, Messrs. Wong Siu Tong, Cheong Sam Woo, Tan Lai Chun, The Wang Hing Ho, Sin Ying Chow, Chiu Ching Nui, Au Chak Man, Wao Man Kai, Man Tsz Ting, Yu Ping Yee, Yung Chiu Po, Yip Kai Tak and Mok Wing Uo.

Finally I have to announce that we resume work after the new year recess, on 1st of next March. The Sports Report showed that the College was inadequately represented at the Inter School Sports and failed to distinguish itself in any prominent degree. The second term is appropriated for swimming. More than half the students joined the club, though some never actually built. Altogether the season was most successful, the weather very seldom interfering with our enjoyment and quite a number learning to swim. The season wound up with a bathing picnic to Lama Island.

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sion, I may say that our sports have not reached any very high standard, but a great number of the students have been engaged in them, and games have taken place far more frequently than in past seasons.

The Bishop of Victoria congratulated the staff on the report which had been read and remarked that the college maintained a strong staff of teachers. He referred especially to the diminution in the number of boarders and emphasised the fact that Chinese parents ought to endeavour to let their children remain as boarders even if they themselves remained in Hongkong as the training that the boys got thereby was of great use to them.

Bishop Bannister also addressed the scholars and gave much useful advice to the boys as to how they could utilise their training for the good of the Chinese Empire.

The Prize list is held over until to-morrow.

THE NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Expected to-day.

Among the passengers on the Peninsular and Oriental's Himalaya, which is expected in port to-day, is Mr. Claud Severn, who is to fill the position of Colonial Secretary made vacant by the death of the late Mr. W. D. Barnes.

Mr. Severn was connected with the Straits Settlements and the F.M.S. for seventeen years, having come out in 1894 as private secretary to Governor Lieut. Colonel Sir C. B. H. Mitchell. He was born in London in 1860, and at an early age went to Australia, where he joined St. Peter's College, Adelaide, and upon returning to England proceeded to Selwyn College, Cambridge and graduated. During part of 1891 and 1892 he was employed in the Librarian's Department of the Foreign Office, and in 1894 was appointed private secretary to the then Governor of the Straits Settlements. In December of the following year he joined the Selangor Government Service as junior officer and in 1897 was promoted Assistant District Officer at Ulu-Ling.

After acting temporarily in a similar capacity at Klang and as Collector of Land Revenue, Kuala Lumpur, he became in 1899, Assistant District Officer at Seremban. During part of 1900 and 1901 he was acting magistrate at Kuala Lumpur, and after returning from leave held the acting appointments of Secretary to the Kuala Lumpur Sanitary Board and Registrar of Courts. In August of 1903, he was given the position of Assistant Secretary to the Resident-General, now termed Chief Secretary, but did not assume the duties until September, 1904, acting in the meantime as Magistrate and Registrar of Courts, Kuala Lumpur. During a portion of 1905 he acted as Federal Secretary, and took Mr. Olive Marks's place during the early part of 1906. In May, 1907, he was appointed Acting Secretary to the High Commissioner and Private Secretary to the Governor and in February of last year assumed the substantial appointment.

During his association with the F.M.S., Mr. Severn has been brought into touch with a wide circle of friends not only by reason of his official duties to which he always devoted himself most assiduously, but especially on account of the great interest he has taken in healthy recreation. He is a keen tennis player, and played in the final tie of the Veteran Championship at the last tournament at Singapore when he and Mr. Hooper were beaten by the Governor and the Hon. F. J. Pigott. He was frequently to be seen on the golf links and often took part in cricket matches on the Esplanade. By his leaving Singapore, music-lovers will lose and Hongkong will gain one who has done so much towards sustaining a keen interest in the art, his numerous contributions at concerts and other functions being always greatly appreciated.

Although the Himalaya is expected to arrive to-day, we are informed that the boat will not arrive till to-morrow.

YACHTING.

R. H. K. Yacht Club.

The seventh Club Race took place on Saturday last in light and sluky weather, with the wind mostly from a Northerly direction.

Handicap Class.

The following boats started in the Handicap Class:—

Boat.	Owner.
Dione	Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.
Iris	Comm. Eyres, R.N.
Colleen	Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.
Dorothea	Mr. E. A. Irving and Mr. C. G. Alabaster.

Kathleen Officers of the R. E. Dione started nearest the Hongkong shore and soon drew out from the rest of the fleet, rounding the Lyceum Beacon (the first Mark) first, followed by Colleen, Kathleen, Dorothea and Iris, the last-named of whom got an unlucky start owing to an error in her stop-watch which brought her on to the line too soon, and compelled her to luff right up into the wind.

Between the Beacon and the Kowloon Rock, the next Mark, the wind was very light and tricky, and both Dorothea and Kathleen succeeded in getting ahead of Colleen before that Mark was reached, though Dione still maintained a good lead.

On the run over to the Mark-boat in Quarry Bay, Dione strung out a very long lead from the other four boats, and in the light and uncertain wind in this part of the Race the Iris came along splendidly and got round to the Quarry Bay Mark-boat second, with Colleen third. After rounding the Mark-boat, which she did nearly quarter of an hour ahead of the rest of the fleet, the Dione had a very unfortunate time in the light and baffling winds, but eventually succeeded in saving her time from Colleen by 37 seconds.

The times of finishing and corrected times are as under:—

	Actual.	Corrected.
Dione	4:30.24	4:38.24
Colleen	4:41.24	4:37.1
Dorothea	4:43.32	4:38.12
Kathleen	4:44.27	4:30.47
Iris	4:44.01	4:44.49

The marks to date are:—

Boat	Score
Dione	30
Colleen	29
Dorothea	22
Iris	20
Kathleen	4
Rolla	0

One Design Class.

Course Stonecutters' Island (port).

Five boats started, viz:—

Boat	Owner
Ailsa	Mr. A. Bune.
Bonito II	Mr. L. G. Bird.
Alannah II	Mr. Cooke, R.E.
Daphne	Officers R.E.
Halcyon	Capt. Johnston, 8th Rajputs.

A fairly even start was made, and the five boats kept together up to Kowloon Point, where a calm was encountered. Ailsa, Bonito and Halcyon, favoured by a puff, got away from the other two, but were again becalmed before Stonecutters was reached. Ailsa slightly ahead picked up a strong Northerly wind and left Bonito and Halcyon to their fate; eventually they also got the wind and rounded Stonecutters together to see Ailsa becalmed in the middle of the harbour. Now Bonito's turn came. She left Halcyon and picked up Ailsa only to again run into a calm. Meanwhile a Westerly wind sprang up and brought Alannah, Daphne and Halcyon along. Ailsa by this time had found the wind again, and left the other four to fight it out. The final result was as follows:—

Boat	Score
Ailsa	25
Bonito II	28
Daphne	28
Alannah	20
Halcyon	29

Dinghy Class.

Only two boats started, Sprits and No. 5. The latter gave up.

The marks to date are:—

Boat	Score
Joan	13
Sprits	12
No. 5	11
Mephistopheles	8
Hayash	2

The next club races will be on Feb. 10.

FRENCH CONVENT SCHOOL.

Distribution of Prizes

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the French Convent School, was held yesterday. A full list of the prize winners appeared in our issue of that day.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, presided, and among those present were His Lordship Bishop Pozzani, Capt. Taylor, A. D. C., Mr. J. K. Wood, Director of Education, Brother Christian, M. P. de Marin and Mr. T. Barlow, Superintendent of the Schools.

The room, which was prettily decked out with fresh flowers, bunting and streamers, was filled to overflowing, and the enthusiasm manifested showed the esteem in which the School is held.

As His Excellency entered the national anthem was played and an opening chorus "Le Grand Jour," sung by the pupils, followed.

The Annual Report.

The annual report contained the following:—
The total attendance for the whole School was 895.52, that for the 3 respective divisions being: (a) Upper Classes 129.95; (b) Remove Classes 145.98; (c) Lower Classes 627.59. The average attendance for the quinquennial period (1906-1910) is 56, as compared with 90 last year.

Staff.—The staff is composed of four English Teachers, one local teacher and one pupil teacher. The proportion of pupils to English Teachers is 22.5 to 1, and as that number is much below the maximum standard figure fixed by the Code, there is no question but that the attention teachers are capable of devoting to individual pupils should be entirely satisfactory. The new Headmistress arrived in the Colony in February last year. The efficiency of the reorganization of the staff and the method of instruction, employed is testified to in the Report by the Director of Education, the keynote of whose remark was that the school had "enormously improved and appears to be likely to do better still."

The School is divided into seven classes and one Infants' Class in which there are two divisions: A and B. The other classes comprise Classes II and III (Oxford Classes); Classes IV and V (Remove Classes); Classes VI, VII and VIII (Lower Classes). The School's organization is most favourably reported on by the Director of Education.

Discipline. The general conduct of the pupils has been very good.

The Oxford Classes have been under the tuition of the Headmistress. A new course of studies to meet the requirements of the Oxford Local Examinations was drawn up last year in August. In the opinion of the Headmistress it was not quite sufficiently graduated for the different Classes and has been amended. The School presented Candidates for the Examinations held this year. One Junior Candidate obtained a Certificate in 1910. Seven went up in July last, of whom four obtained Preliminary certificates. A team of five was sent in from Class IV, for the Competition in July last. With a percentage of marks of 90.9, the team took sixth place among competing Schools. This result was much better than the one obtained at the preceding competition.

More than ever before attention has been given to the teaching of English.

In one of my other reports I commented on the fact that arithmetic was a weak subject with girls' schools. The French Convent School is no exception to the rule. It is, however, satisfactory to observe that the Headmistress begins to find traces of a little progress in some of the Classes. At the Oxford Local Examinations all the candidates presented—1 Junior and 6 Preliminary—passed in arithmetic.

Domestic Economy has been taught in the Remove and Upper Classes with great success, the girls seeming to have a particular attraction for this subject. The lessons learnt from the textbook were applied in practice at home and with good results.

A regular daily French Class was opened in September for the pupils of the Remove and Upper

Classes. An evening class for the teaching of Shorthand was also started in the course of the year.

The number of pupils in the Music Class has increased and continues to increase considerably.

Very satisfactory results have been obtained in the Needlework Classes.

The Medburn Drill, introduced into this school last year, has proved a very beneficial physical exercise and is performed during a short interval every morning.

There has been no sickness amongst the school children throughout the year. The greatest care is taken to send a child home on the slightest appearance of any symptoms of illness.

The Lugard Scholarship for 1910-1911 has been awarded to Miss Vera Ores, who received an under-ago Preliminary certificate, having satisfied the examiners in the following subjects:—Religious Knowledge, Arithmetic, English History, Geography and Drawing.

In the course of his address His Excellency said that it was some little time ago since he was last with them and it gave him very great pleasure to be there again. He had read the manager's report with the greatest interest, and he hoped those present would read it because to his mind, it was eminently satisfactory. In every department there had been excellent progress. Whilst the attendances had increased, the number of school teachers were more than adequate for the number of pupils. Everything was eminently satisfactory in the Convent. The general tone and discipline of the school had been reported upon in very satisfactory terms and he was especially glad to see that domestic economy had not only been successfully taught, but had excited special interest among the girls and they had carried their teaching into their home life. Nothing could be better, he thought, than the teaching of domestic economy to the girls of that school. The buildings had been very greatly improved and the Director of Education in his report, had commented on that especially. They had for the first year begun the competition for the Oxford Local scholarship with considerable success. It has truly a record of which the school might be justly proud, and he was heartily pleased to be able to congratulate them upon it. He was especially pleased to see that the manager of the school had laid emphasis on the point which he had from year to year since he had been in the Colony, been endeavouring to impress on the different schools in Hongkong and that was the progress of education. It showed that that Convent was determined to keep abreast of the progress of education in the Colony, and they had soon considerable progress in education in the last few years. He was very sorry his wife was unable to be present; as they probably were aware she had been very seriously ill and now was confined to her bed. Before he left home she told him on no account to forget to express her sincere good wishes for the Convent's success and to express her regret that she would not be able to be present. She wished them every success in the coming year and to those hearty wishes he added his own. He congratulated them on their success during the past year and he sincerely hoped they would have a successful time in the year that was before them. The school in every way promised to increase the success and the sphere of usefulness it had created this year. He would add that he wished hearty success to the charitable work that Convent encouraged and took an interest in. He would not deal at length with the good work done by the Convent in the direction of charity, as the last time he was there, he gave a short summary on the usefulness of the charitable work in which the Convent was engaged. He would conclude with once more tendering his good wishes to the staff of teachers and pupils of the school.

Bishop Pozzani, also gave an interesting address.

The musical programme was admirably carried out. Those responsible for the instrumental and vocal contributions and who took part in the operetta, "The Enchanted Glen," were:—
Misses A. Lecœur, B. Boanas, G. Murray, G. Razavett, E. Rocha, O. Gardner, S. Xavier, V. Denon-

berg, L. Chapman, A. Botta, Z. Ounio, E. Remedios, D. Murray, D. Razavett, V. Razavett, M. Aguado, T. Allen, B. Tse Yat, A. Baudet, F. Neves, J. Aguado, A. O'Brien, Q. Tatem, V. Ores, L. Paramon, G. Hansen, C. Pollat, M. Musso, C. Miller, M. Danenberg, D. Capell, F. Simmons, M. Wilson, J. Thornhill, H. Young Lee, V. Pass, E. Miller, F. Silva, V. Capell, G. Simmons, E. Smith, D. Diggins, V. Young Lee, H. Godard and L. Thomas (Accompnists).

LCCAL SPORT.

Shooting.

Hongkong Volunteer Reserves. The following are the results of the 3rd Monthly Cup Shoot which took place at the King's Park Range (600 yards) on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27 and 28:—

Class A.				
T. Grimshaw	29	pl.	2	eq. 31
A. Watson	28	"	2	" 30
H. T. Jackman	26	"	4	" 30
T. Hamilton	28	"	1	" 29
B. Branch	27	"	2	" 29
G. Gibson	27	"	2	" 29
W. Hobbs	26	"	2	" 28
A. T. Walker	27	"	scr.	" 27
G. H. Wakeman	25	"	2	" 27
A. Calvert	25	"	2	" 27
R. E. O. Bird	25	"	2	" 27
J. Simpson	26	"	scr.	" 26
W. J. J. Gast	22	"	4	" 26
A. Smith	25	"	scr.	" 25
F. Deon	25	"	scr.	" 25
L. O. Bird	24	"	1	" 25
W. J. May	19	"	4	" 23
A. Franklin	13	"	4	" 17

Class B.				
G. H. May	20	"	5	" 34
R. W. Paley	25	"	7	" 32
E. Abraham	25	"	6	" 31
J. Lyon	20	"	8	" 28
J. Knight	23	"	4	" 27
J. Hutchings	21	"	4	" 25
J. Olson	15	"	9	" 24
D. Jaffe	8	"	10	" 18

BILLIARDS.

Military Tournament. The entry of the team representing the R. A. Staff in the second round of this Tournament is almost certain as they hold the lead with 103 points, and there are only two more games to be played. Two games were played last night, both being won by the R. A. Staff. The first game was between Captain G. T. Brierley, D.S.O., R.A., and Mr. Raiton of the Volunteer Reserves, Capt. Brierley winning by the narrow margin of 12 points, his chief breaks being 16, 12 and 17, whilst Raiton's chief efforts were 9, 10 and 22. The second game was between Master Gunner Fuller, R.A., and Mr. Gibson, the former running out the winner by 38 points, his best breaks being 17 (twice), 12 (twice), 21 and 19. Gibson's highest being 15, 10 and 18. Scores: Captain G. T. Brierley 250 Mr. Raiton 238 Master Gunner Fuller 250 Mr. Gibson 162 (Continued on page 8.)

DON'T FORGET.

Sunday, Feb. 4.
Rev. C. Bone replies to Pastor Russell, Wanchai Church.
Monday, Feb. 5.
Kowloon Land and Building Co. Meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 6.
Ninety-first ordinary half-yearly meeting of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., noon.

Organ Recital, St. John's Cathedral.

Wednesday, Feb. 7.
Licensing Board, 2.15.

Thursday, Feb. 8.
Queen's College Prize Distribution.

Saturday, Feb. 10.
Volunteer Dinner to Capt. Thompson.

Monday, Feb. 12.
Criminal Sessions.

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

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Treasurer, H. C. GULLAND, Esq., Manager, International Banking Corporation, Shanghai.

Hongkong, 24th Jan., 1912. (11)



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Hongkong, 15th January, 1912.

To-day's Advertisements

G. R. SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

To THE OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the WESTERN Division of the City of Victoria, occupied by Members of more than one family except those within the European Reservation or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owner during the months of February and March.

N.B.—The word "Throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be lime-washed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Ceilings, Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Under-sides of Ropes in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Hackyard must have its containing Walls lime-washed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Wood-work in good condition, however, need not be lime-washed but must be Cleaned.

The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Tank Lane and Clerkenwell Street.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS, Secretary.

Dated this 1st day of Feb., '12. [185]

NOTICE.

N. BLUMENTHAL, for some time manager of the ASTOR HOTEL, begs to inform the public that owing to a change of ownership of the hotel, he has no connection with the Astor Hotel from this date.

N. BLUMENTHAL, Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1912. [188]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 16th February, 1912, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1911.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 25th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be effect.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SONS, General Managers.

Hongkong 31st Jan., 1912. [180]

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EXCELLENT CUISINE AND GOOD SERVICE. RATES 6 YEN AND UP.

Uniformed hotel porter meets all trains and steamers. Luggage arranged for without any trouble to guests.

Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1912. [134]

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A Valuable Remedy for colds, Bronchitis, Asthma, and all Diseases of the Chest and Lungs. PRICE \$1.00 per bottle.

THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY. Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1912. [123]

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Pictures Wanted of Anywhere or Anything by Anyone.

The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during February his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers during the month.

It has been decided to widen the scope of the competition. To restrict it largely to active life in the Colony excludes many amateurs who are not yet experienced in this class of work. As the whole purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong it has been felt better to remove all restriction and to

Give Everyone a Chance

(Pictures of active life, then, pictures of still life, pictures recent or pictures taken months ago, pictures of life or scenes in Hongkong or pictures taken in any part of China, pictures taken at home—any picture, general or local, may be sent, and it is the possessor's interest at all. With the competition of so comprehensive a character there is a chance for any amateur photographer in Hongkong to win one of the prizes.)

From this competition professional photographers will be rigidly excluded, and no member of the "Telegraph" staff shall be allowed to compete. A professional photographer, for the purposes of the competition, shall be adjudged as one who makes his living, wholly or in part, from photography.

The following are the

Rules of Competition.

Each competitor may send as many photographs as he or she pleases, provided that every photograph is accompanied by a coupon. The coupon will be found below and will appear daily. A coupon from any issue, between now and February 29, must accompany each print.

\$10.

For the photograph adjudged the best, a prize of \$10 will be awarded to the sender. For the photograph adjudged as next in merit, a prize of \$5 will be awarded. Should two photographs be of equal merit, the \$15 shall be equally divided between the senders, but no competitor may win both prizes.

The editor shall be the sole judge and his decision must be accepted as final. Photographs can be accepted only on this understanding.

Photographs must be submitted only on the express understanding that the editor may, at his discretion, use any or all of the photographs, either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or in any other manner as seems best to him, but that they shall not be put by him to any purpose outside of these journals.

Competitors shall not submit copies of competitive photographs to any other newspaper until the expiry of one month from the date of announcing the editor's decision.

The names and addresses of prize-winners will be announced early in March.

Hints to Competitors.

Every amateur who possesses a camera has a chance of winning a prize here. You may not be able to secure a good print every time you try, but you must have taken good prints at times. Send these to this office. It matters nothing when they were taken, or where. If they are good pictures, send them along. Put a line or two on the back of each to say what is the subject. We have not seen every spot on the globe, and we do not know of anyone who has done so or who is likely to do so. And we like to know what the subject of every picture is.

The editor will be pleased to answer, in these columns, any

questions put by intending competitors on points which may require amplification.

Photographic Competition Coupon.

Feb. 1, 1912.
I agree to enter the photographic competition on the express understanding that the editor's decision shall be final, and that he may, at his discretion, use the print sent herewith either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or the "Weekly Telegraph."

Name.....

Address.....

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LOCAL SPORT.

(Continued from page 5.)

FOOTBALL.

Inter-Co. Match.

83 and 88 Companies R. G. A. met on Wednesday afternoon on the Happy Valley to play off a cup tie match in connection with the Royal Art Football Cup. A very good game ensued, both teams playing up well. 88 Company won by 4 goals to their opponents one.

The only goal of the first half was scored by Vincent for 88 Company. In the second half Driver McQuinn and Vincent each added a goal to 88 Company's score while Poole scored a somewhat soft goal for 83 Coy. The final whistle went with the scores as stated above.

Teams:—88 Coy.—Allen, Montgomery and Hudson; Court, Barry, Burt; Driver Backland, Vincent, McGuinness and Leveke.

83 Coy.—Murdell, Langham and Wetherall; Perry Mullins and Ingram; Woodbridge, Pinchard, Turner, Poole and Crane.

Referee: Sergt. A. A. Wilson, R.A.

Rugby.

The following will represent the Army & Club at Rugby on Saturday in the Cup match, which will begin at 4.15 p.m.:—Back, Lieut. Williams, A.S.C., three-quarters, Lieut. Collins, R.G.A., Lieut. Paris, R.G.A., Lieut. Bagnall, R.G.A., and Lieut. Collins Brown, K.O.Y.L.I.; half-backs, Lieut. Thicknesse, R.G.A. and Lieut. Wiltshire, R.G.A.; forwards, Capt. Loring, R.G.A., Lieut. Banton, R.G.A., Lieut. Kent, K.O.Y.L.I., Lieut. Badley, K.O.Y.L.I., Lieut. Carter, K.O.Y.L.I., Cpl. Seruton, K.O.Y.L.I., Cpl. Burgess, R.G.A. and Gr. Ryan, R.G.A.

CRICKET.

Press v. Police.

Yesterday afternoon the Police were at home to the Press in a friendly game of cricket at the Happy Valley, the former winning handsomely. At the conclusion of play a bat was presented to the club by the visitors to be awarded as a prize for the best bowling or batting average in the Police team. The scores were:—

A. R. Ellis, b Kerr	1
R. Peyton Griffin, b Hoggarth	0
F. Olaf Brown, b Kerr	12
W. A. Wilson, b Hoggarth	1
F. Hicks, b Kerr	6
A. J. King, c Reynolds, b Cooper	1
L. N. Evans, b Kerr	0
J. Smith, b.w.b. b McLennan	2
D. McHardy, not out	10
H. Victor, b Cooper	0
H. Bain, hit wicket, b McLennan	2
A. Ramsay, c Reynolds, b McLennan	0
Extras	6

Total..... 49

Police.

Booker, retired	20
J. Ogil, b Brown	5
Reynolds, c Wilson	7
b Brown	7
Clark, retired	20
McLennan, c Bain, b Wilson	28
Wait, b Victor	10
Kerr, at: Griffin, b Hicks	7
Hoggarth, retired	23
Gerrard, b Wilson	15
Cooper, run out	10
Withers, not out	2
Extras	3

Total..... 188

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupoh, Szachun, Hunan, Kueichow and Tientsin.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Aerolia, 2nd prox. Can., Empress of Japan, 2nd inst. American, Manchuria, 6th inst. Arctic, Chiyo Maru, 6th inst. Ger., Prinz Eitel Friedrich, 8th inst. American, Mongolia, 23rd inst.

MAILS CLOSE.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per Chikar, 2nd Feb., 8 a.m.
Swatow—Per Hainan, 2nd Feb., 10 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Himalaya, 2nd Feb., 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Kobe and Moji—Per Kutsang, 14th Feb., 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu, Hilo, Iloilo, Angaur, Yap, Friedrich, Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herterstube, Matupi, Brilano, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, and Fremantle—Per Cobenz, 24th Feb., 9 a.m.

Manila, Cebu, Hilo, Iloilo, Timor, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Perth, and Fremantle—Per St. Albans, 3rd Feb., 9 a.m.

Sandakan—Per Maunang, 3rd Feb., 10 a.m.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar—Per Tjilwong, 3rd Feb., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma—Per Panama-maru, 3rd Feb., 10 a.m.

Shanghai—Per Kwongsang, 3rd Feb., 10 a.m.

Hailow, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per M. thilde, 3rd Feb., 10 a.m.

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SHANGHAI, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Lian, 10th Feb., 6 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Namsang, 19th Feb., 10 a.m.

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